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TO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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SUBJECT:APCAC JARKARTA MEETING

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REF: HONG KONG 8314 (NOTAL)

1. WE ARE GLAD TO ASSIST THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND THROUGH THE CONSULATE THE AMCHAM IN HONG KONG WITH INFORMATION AND STATE DEPT. VIEWS ON QUESTIONS OF CONCERN TO APCAC. HOWEVER WE CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THAT APCAC IS AN INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND IT CAN DEVELOP ITS OWN VIEWS AND POSITIONS.

2. TRADE WITH VIETNAM. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR VIETNAM POLICY FROM WHAT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED TO AMCHAM AND OF WHICH HONG KONG IS WELL AWARE, I.E., THE UNITED STATES LOOKS TO THE FUTURE RATHER THAN THE PAST IN ITS RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM. WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE VIETNAMESE WILL BE INFLUENCED BY THEIR CONDUCT AND ATTITUDE TOWARD US AND TOWARD THEIR NEIGHBORS. THE U.S. MAINTAINS CONTROLS ON TRADE AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH VIETNAM TO ENABLE US TO MONITOR AND REGULATE SUCH ACTIVITY AS WE ASSESS VIETNAMESE ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD US AND THEIR NEIGHBORS. FINANCIAL CONTROLS ARE ALSO RELATED TO POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF FUTURE CLAIMS. UNDER SUCH CONTROLS, BOTH FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS BY AMERICANS WITH VIETNAM ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY OR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES IN THIS POLICY.

3. MULTINATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT: WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY SENT SIX (6) COPIES OF THE CODE TO HONG KONG. WE WILL REPEAT TWO CIRCULAR MESSAGES TO OECD CAPITALS THAT CONTAIN TALKING POINTS AND Q'S AND A'S AIMED AT INFORMING BUSINESS ABROAD OF THE CONTENT OF THE CODE. AMBASSADOR TURNER VISITED BY OECD CAPITALS TO EXPLAIN CODE AND WE ARE REPEATING HIS SPEECH AND SOME REPORTING CABLES. AIRPOUCHING COPIES OF STATEMENTS ON CODE ISSUED BY VARIOUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE MINUTES OF THE LAST TWO MEETINGS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE ARE NOT DISTRIBUTING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE COMMITTEE AND SUGGEST THAT IF AMCHAM WANTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FURTHER INFO, IT USE ITS OWN CHANNELS.

4. RESPONSES TO OTHER QUESTIONS FOLLOW IN SEPTELS.

5. FOR CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, SINGAPORE: WE ARE REPEATING REFTEL. ROBINSON

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